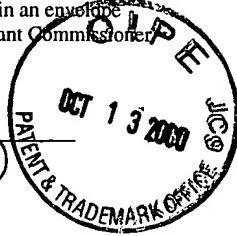


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In re Application of)

BENJAMIN PLESS, *et al.*)

Application No.: 09/614,991)

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Please enter the following preliminary amendment in this application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 36-66 and 73-114.

REMARKS

Claims 1-35 and 67-72 are pending in this application.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conversation would expedite prosecution of this application, he is invited to telephone the undersigned at 415-753-3376.

Respectfully submitted,

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